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## LINDA AZAR KARAM BATROUNY

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1477]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 1477) for the relief of Linda Azar Karam Batrouny, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Linda Azar Karam Batrouny. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 39-year-old native and citizen of Lebanon who last entered the United States as a visitor on June 30, 1949. She is presently teaching the Arabic language at the Berlitz School of Languages in New York City. She is also employed on a contract basis by the Office of International Information, Department of State, and also gives special instruction in the Arabic language to military intelligence units in the New York area.

A letter dated September 27, 1950, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to H. R. 6523, which was a bill introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

SEPTEMBER 27, 1950.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
 House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (H. R. 6523) for the relief of Linda Azar Karam Batrouny, an alien.

The bill would provide that, for the purposes of the immigration laws, the alien named therein, who entered the United States at New York City on June 29, 1949, for a temporary stay, shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence at such place and on such date. It would also provide for the appropriate quota deduction to be made.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Linda Azar Karam Batrouny is a native and citizen of Lebanon, having been born on April 15, 1921, at Brumana, Lebanon. She last entered the United States on June 30, 1949, as a temporary visitor for a period of 3 months, which period was subsequently extended to January 1, 1950.

The files further reflect that this alien has not been employed in this country. Rather, she has been supported by relatives residing here, and has spent her time traveling.

Miss Batrouny is chargeable to the oversubscribed quota of Lebanon, and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable. Her case is similar to those of thousands of other aliens who desire to enter the United States but who, because of the oversubscribed condition of the quotas to which they are chargeable, are unable to do so. To adjust Miss Batrouny's status to that of permanent residence would result in an unjust preference being accorded her over the many aliens who are residing abroad awaiting their turn to receive immigration visas. The record presents no facts which would warrant granting Miss Batrouny such a preference.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend enactment of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

PETER CAMPBELL BROWN,  
*Deputy Attorney General.*

Congressman Edmund P. Radwan, the author of the bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and submitted the following information in connection with the bill:

THE BERLITZ SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES,  
*New York, N. Y., September 10, 1951.*

CHAIRMAN, HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION,  
*Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR: Miss Linda Karam has been an Arabic teacher at the Berlitz School since August 17, 1950. Her work has been of a superior quality, and her students' progress has been excellent.

It would be extremely difficult to find a qualified Arabic teacher to fill Miss Karam's place. Her background of a total of 17 years' Arabic-teaching experience is invaluable.

Her services are urgently needed to afford Arabic instruction to our students, some of whom are members of the Armed Forces and various Government agencies.

Respectfully,

V. H. BERLITZ, *Manager.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*New York, N. Y., September 10, 1951.*

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
 70 Columbus Avenue, New York, N. Y.

DEAR SIR: This will introduce Miss Linda Karam, who is in this country on a visitor's visa. The state department has found that she is qualified to do work for our information program in the Arabic language as a translator for the International Motion Pictures Division, Production Branch, New York. The services of Miss Linda Karam are necessary because there is not a citizen of the United

States who can be qualified and certified to perform this service. Her services will be obtained through purchase orders or contracts. Staff employment is not involved.

Very truly yours,

J. ROBERT PAXTON,  
*Special Assistant to Associate Chief,  
International Motion Pictures Division.*

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COUDERSPORT, PA., *September 13, 1951.*

CHAIRMAN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION,  
*Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR: Mr. Kablam Karam, Coudersport, Pa., has addressed a letter to you concerning the permanent admission of his cousin, Linda Karam, to the United States. I know Mr. Karam very well, and any representations that he makes in his letter are authentic. He is a man of substance and character and has been in our community for many years.

Likewise, I am acquainted with Linda Karam, his cousin, and know her to be a well-educated intelligent young lady of high character. Any confidence that your committee may repose in her will be well-merited.

Yours very truly,

JAMES S. BERGER.

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COUDERSPORT, PA., *September 13, 1951.*

CHAIRMAN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
IMMIGRATION,  
*Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR: I am writing this letter concerning the bill pending before your committee to provide for Linda Karam being permitted to permanently be admitted to the United States. I am her cousin and very elderly, and have no other close relatives in this country than my cousins. I never was married and have no children, and my health is not strong. It would be of great help to have my cousin permitted to stay in this country.

The consideration of yourself and your committee will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

KABALAN KARAM.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 1477) should be enacted.

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